Response to Office Action of August 17, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of August 17, 2007 issued with

respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the

accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 19 are amended to omit recitation of the multiple layers of

the electrodes and heater element, and to specify that the heater has two pairs of electrodes

which are overlaid on one another with one of the electrode pairs connected to the heater

element. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 11, lines 24-30,

page 15, lines 24-31 and in Figs. 14, 19 and 32 of the present application; and

dependent claims 2-8, 10-18, 20-27 and 29-37 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the

present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-described amended

independent claims 1 and 19, and the claims dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested

by any one or more of previously cited Kubby, DeMoor, Silverbrook, Feinn and Kashino in

view of newly cited Moon et al. (US 2002/0054191), because none of these cited references

teach or suggest provided two pairs of electrodes, with only one of the pairs being

connected to a heater element.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and

reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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